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SUBJECT: DEMARCHES ON CUBA EMBARGO RESOLUTION DELIVERED

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¶1. (SBU) On November 8, Poloff discussed reftel points on the Cuba embargo resolution and the Australian amendment with MFA International Organizations Department Deputy Director Vu Anh Quang. Mr. Quang said the GVN position is consistent with the majority of countries that support the Cuba embargo resolution. He added that the Australian proposal was new information and that he did not have a definitive decision yet. He needs to study it more carefully and make a report to MFA leadership.

¶2. (SBU) Mr. Quang then offered his personal view that the UN is not a tribunal or forum for countries to exert pressure in the area of human rights. Rather, the GVN supports dialogue and cooperation in order to resolve different views concerning human rights and democracy issues.

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